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SUBJECT: KOREAN MANPOWER FOR IRAN

1. CHIEF OF THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SECTION, OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS (OLA) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT OLA DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD DISCUSSED WITH IRANIANS ON HIS RECENT STOPOVER IN TEHRAN QUESTION OF RECRUITMENT OF KOREAN WORKERS. KOREANS HAVE SO FAR RECRUITED 200 TRAILER-TRUCK DRIVERS TO WORK IN IRAN, BUT ADDITIONAL RECRUITMENT OF 300 KOREAN DRIVERS NOW CONDITIONAL ON QUESTION WHETHER THEY CAN OBTAIN TRANSIT PERMITS TO DRIVE TRUCKS TO OR THROUGH BULGARIA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND ROMANIA. IRANIANS HAVE OFFERD TO REQUEST SUCH TRANSIT PERMITS FOR KOREANS ON SAME BASIS AS VISAS FOR KOREAN SEAMEN SERVING ON THIRD COUNTRY SHIPS CALLING AT COMMUNIST PORTS. REPORTEDLY IRANIANS HAVE BOUGHT 2,000 RIGS FROM WEST CONFIDENTIAL

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GERMANY TO BE DRIVEN BY FOREIGN DRIVERS ON OVERLAND ROUTES TO EUROPE.

2. SAME SECTION CHIEF ALSO INDICATED THAT ROKG

ALREADY HAS 1,000 AIRCRAFT MECHANICS AND MAINTENANCE MEN EMPLOYED IN IRAN SERVICING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT. HE CLAIMED THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLICIZED. ALSO ROKG WILL PROVIDE MEDICAL STAFF FOR A HOSPITAL IN TEHRAN AND POSSIBLY ALSO CONSTRUCT HOSPITAL, BUT FINAL AGREEMENT STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION.

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